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## GENERAL NEWS.

Travellers at the White Mountains sleep in billiard rooms, ten pin alleys and even coaches so great is the rush this season.

A special commission is ordered by General Wadsworth, to examine prisoners confined in the Old Capitol prison, and to discharge at discretion all who subscribe to the oath of allegiance and forswear the Confederate States, or against whom no definite charge is preferred.

The Treasury Department on Monday last received \$24,055 worth of Postage currency, of which \$12,000 worth were sent North—\$8000 worth were sent to N. Y.—\$2000 to Philadelphia, and \$2000 to Boston.

The N. Y. Evening Post complains of the exemption of Quakers from military duty as inequitable with reference to this war. It argues, as the members of that sect in the North were largely instrumental in bringing on the war, they ought to bear their full share of its burdens.

The President has offered Senator Pomeroy the fine steamer Vanderbilt for the conveyance of his first colony, which is to start on the first of October from Washington. It will carry one hundred families, selected from among those who offer to go. A printing press is to be a part of the cargo, which is furnished by an African freeman of Baltimore, who goes with it.

It appears that several States are much further behind in raising their quotas of troops under the new calls than has been represented. It is probable that there will be very few where drafting, either for the first three hundred thousand, or at least for filling up the regiments, will not have to be resorted to.

The editors of the Boston Bulletin have been shown samples of cotton from the Sandwich Islands, which for fineness of quality and staple compare favorably with Sea Island cotton.

The telegraph furnishes the regulations adopted by the government in relation to excise stamps.

Gen. Yates, of Illinois, in order to protect the State from invasion, has ordered the construction of barracks at Quincy for three thousand troops; at Jonesborough for two thousand, and at Shawneetown for a like number. Two regiments have already been ordered forward on the service.

The Louisville Journal is urging upon the Legislature of Kentucky the enactment of a law so regulating the conscription, as to require each man drafted either to serve or furnish a specified sum of money within a fixed time. The method suggested is substantially the one adopted in the conscript system of France.

Orders have been issued postponing the draft in the State of Pennsylvania until the 15th of September.

Senator Pugh, of Ohio, having received an invitation to be present at a war meeting in Cincinnati, made the following reply: "CINCINNATI, August 13, 1862. DR. O'CONNELL: Sir: You must excuse me; I think it is time for those who have not themselves enlisted to quit exhorting others on the subject. Respectfully, G. E. Pugh.

The Leslie arrived yesterday, bringing up the body of the wife of Lieut. Colonel C. Scott, of New Hampshire, who was drowned in the collision off Ragged Point. The body had been found floating, by some persons crossing the river, who had it buried on shore.

The travellers from the West state that business on the Mississippi, between Memphis and the ports of St. Louis, Cincinnati, &c., is still very brisk, though it has rather slackened of late. A novel feature is now presented on the river steamboats—that is, the forces of contraband hands. A considerable quantity of cotton is brought up by the steamers, but more by the Mobile and Ohio railroad, from Corinth to Columbus, Ky. Five hundred bales a day are brought up on that road.

On the presentation of the subscription book for the District Volunteer Fund to Mr. John C. Rives, that gentleman subscribed the sum of five thousand dollars, saying, "and as much more when it is needed."

The resignation of Colonel Z. B. Vance, of the 26th North Carolina regiment, has been accepted. Col. Vance was recently elected Governor of North Carolina.

The Mobile Register has a seemingly authentic statement of a late heavy arrival for account of the Confederacy, at a Confederate port. One million pounds of powder and 35,000 stand of arms, are among the items of the cargo, the aggregate value of which was such that the government agreed to pay £800,000 sterling on delivery—a sum equivalent, at present rates of exchange, to about \$8,000,000.

The Fayetteville (N. C.) Observer announces the death of the Hon. Warren Winslow. He had been a leading member of the bar, Senator in the State Legislature, speaker of the Senate and by virtue thereof Governor of the State for a short period on the election of Governor Reid to the United States Senate; afterward, for four years, representative in the United States Congress from the Fayetteville district, and member of the State Convention.

It is estimated that Ohio alone will, this season, produce fifteen millions of gallons of sorghum, worth at least six millions of dollars—five times the product of last season's crop. The other States will produce as much more.

Col. John R. Kenly, of the First Maryland Regiment, has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General for services in the field at Front Royal.

The postponement of the draft in Maine to the 10th of September, and in Indiana to the 15th of September, will doubtless be followed in other states, more especially in those whose quotas are nearly full.

General Corcoran has received the offer of over twenty regiments, of which, so far, he has accepted but two, Col. Heenan's and Col. McMahon's Buffalo regiment, which, with the original New York Sixty-ninth, will leave him only one vacancy he can fill, under his brigadier's commission.

A convict in the Sing Sing prison, named John Bahn, committed an unprovoked and brutal assault upon Keeper David W. Dyckman yesterday morning. He struck the keeper in the face with a heavy stave, rendering him insensible, and inflicting a serious if not fatal wound, and would have killed him had not the other convicts interfered.

The Marion at New York, brings quite a large quantity of arms, sent North by citizens of New Orleans, in accordance with Order No. 21, issued by General Butler, Aug. 12, ordering all citizens either to deliver up their arms to the Military Commandant, or with permission of the Provost Marshal, to ship them North.

The National Intelligencer says:—"The present war, by the expenditures it necessarily entails, is destined to familiarize the people of the U. S. with the theory and practice of taxation as it has never before been understood or experienced by us."

A very pretty girl about 18 years of age was discovered on board the steamer Huron lately, in male attire. She was taken to the police station, when it appeared that she had left her home in her brother's clothes for the purpose of visiting her lover, who is a soldier at Fort Warren.

The law of Congress passed several years ago forbidding the circulation in the District of Columbia of bank or corporation notes below the denomination of five dollars, will be strictly enforced after the 20th of September, and offenders prosecuted according to law. The government issues will supply the deficiency.

The steamer Nantucket has arrived from Aquia creek, bringing up about three hundred sick and wounded soldiers, the most of whom belong to Gen. Fitz John Porter's corps.

The N. Y. World says:—"General Pope has lost the muster rolls of his army, all his private papers, copies of dispatches and reports, memoranda of the campaign and the past and present condition of the army, copies of all the telegrams which he has sent to Washington since taking his present command, all the dispatches received from the President, General Halleck, General McClellan, General Burnside, and the War Department, copies of all the orders issued to his generals of corps and divisions, and all his maps and topographical charts."

On Monday, in Boston, quite a disturbance occurred in Tremont row, and some of the other thoroughfares in that vicinity, in consequence of the neglect of a few shopkeepers to close their places of business in common with their neighbors, to attend a meeting to encourage enlistments.